

Getting to Know You

By
Casey Bruce

Name: *Casey Bruce*

Favorite Scripture or Motto: *"Play Ball!"*

Favorite Things to Do: *Look at baseball cards, buy baseball cards, play baseball.*

Favorite Places to Go: *The King Dome, Dodger Stadium, Tempe Diablo Stadium*

Hobbies: *Collecting baseball cards, collecting Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles toys, collecting Star War toys*

Favorite Food: *Enchiladas* Color: *Blue* Song: *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*

Favorite Bible Character: *Jesus Christ*

3 Most Admired Women (family excluded):
Alberta Griffey, Gilda Raddner

3 Most Admired Men (family excluded):
Ken Griffey, Jr., Scott Bradley, Bo Jackson

Favorite Season
Summer

Holiday:
Christmas

Time of Day:
3:00 p.m.

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By
Joanie Bruce

Name: *Joanie*

Date: *10-13-91*

Favorite Scripture or Motto: *There are just too many—the one I'm into now is—
"You are what you eat!"*

Favorite Things to Do: *Spend time with Chris & Casey
—read, travel, camp—walking.*

Favorite Places to Go:

Spring Training—Movies—the Southwest

Hobbies: *Sewing—Entertaining*

Favorite Food:

Onion Rings

Color:

Teal

Song:

Any Italian Opera

Favorite Bible Character: *Jesus*

3 Most Admired Women (family excluded):

Mother Teresa—Rosa Parks

3 Most Admired Men (family excluded):

Mr. Rodgers—Dr. Spock—Dave Barry

Favorite

Season

Fall

Holiday:

Christmas

Time of Day:

Dinner Time

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By
Chris Bruce

Name: *Chris Bruce*

Date: *November 26, 1991*

Favorite Scripture or Motto:

"Plans are fine as long as you're willing to abandon them in the face of reality." —William T. Wiley (artist)

Favorite Things to Do:

- Have dinner with Joanie*
- Play catch with Casey*
- Work*

Favorite Places to Go:

- Grand Canyon*
- Brice Canyon*
- Baseball Game*

Hobbies: *Life*

Favorite Food: *—Feixoada in Ouro Preto, Brazil*

Color:

Song:

Huh?

Cortez the Killer, Neil Young

Favorite Bible Character: *Jesus*

3 Most Admired Women (family excluded):

1. *Real-life: Louise Bourgeois (artist)*
2. *Legend: Georgia O'Keiff (artist)*
3. *Pop Culture: Linda Hamilton (in Terminator 2)*

3 Most Admired Men (family excluded):

1. *Real-life: Chris Burden (artist)*
2. *Real-life: Doc McNair (deceased)*
3. *Legend: Ernest Hemingway*

Favorite Season Holiday:

Summer They're all difficult.

Time of Day:

Morning and dinner-time.

I have some trouble with this. That's my own problem, my own resistance to questionnaires. But also, how do you put a father, a mother, a sister, let alone a son or wife of over twenty years into a selective bag of memories? Mom loved the ocean, Pop worked hard and gave it great dignity? What they all give is as complex, comic, infinite, tragic, and simple as life. I have trouble leaving that much out.

I will say one thing stands out tonight, July 8, 1991. I was fortunate enough to have time to visit occasionally—almost regularly—with Gramma Foss when I was 22-23 years old, 1970-71. I only lived a couple of blocks away, was just out of college, working part time. I had no excuse. And, of course, she was wise and she was interested, an awesome combination in a sack of bones. It was a time in my life when I held confusion like a walking stick. I didn't know who I was or what I wanted to do. She asked questions. We talked about how the world was then. She didn't make judgments. She was interested, and had the time to consider what she observed. One day she said, "Joanie is a very strong person." Joanie was only 19, and I had not seen that, had not thought of her in those terms before. Who knows the small things, the casual conversations that make a difference?

Chris